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| Applicants: | James T. BODNER et al. | § | Confirmation No.: | 9916 |
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| For: | Reduction Of Configuration | § | Docket No.: | 200302220-1 |
| | Time Upon Deployment Of A | § | | |
| | Configurable Device In A | § | | |
| | Shared Resource Environment | § | | |

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Date: October 28, 2005

Sir:

In response to the final Office action of August 16, 2005, please enter this Preliminary Amendment and corresponding Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.